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CHICKEN & EGGS

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U.S. egg production totaled 6.91 billion during February 2005, up slightly from last year. Production included 5.90 billion table eggs, and 1.01 billion hatching eggs, of which 956 million were broiler-type and 58 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2005 averaged 349 million, up 3 percent from a year earlier. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,980 eggs, down 3 percent from February 2004.

Maryland laying flocks produced 64 million eggs during February 2005, of which 63 million were table eggs and 1 million were hatching eggs. The average rate of lay was 74.0 percent. The average number of layers on hand during February 2005 was 3,088,000. On March 1, 2005, 2.5 percent of the layers in Maryland were being molted and 35.0 percent of all layers had been through a molt.

| Eggs and Layers: February 2004 and 2005 ² | | | |
|--|-------------------|---------|----------------|
| Item | 2004 ¹ | 2005 | 2005/2004 |
| Eggs Produced During February | <i>Million</i> | | <i>Percent</i> |
| U.S. | 6,901 | 6,908 | 100 |
| Maryland | 66 | 64 | 97 |
| Layers, Average Number During February | <i>Thousand</i> | | |
| U.S. | 339,647 | 348,974 | 103 |
| Maryland | 3,100 | 3,088 | 100 |
| Eggs/100 Layers During February | <i>Number</i> | | |
| U.S. | 2,032 | 1,980 | 97 |
| Maryland | 2,129 | 2,073 | 97 |

¹ Revised
² Eggs and layers are not estimated in Delaware.

CROP VALUES, 2002 - 2004



| PRICE AND VALUE OF PRODUCTION, MAJOR CROPS | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|--------|--------|----------------------|------------|------------|
| CROPS | AVERAGE PRICE | | | VALUE OF PRODUCTION | | |
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
| <i>Dollars per Bushel</i> | | | | <i>1,000 Dollars</i> | | |
| Corn for Grain | | | | | | |
| U.S. | 2.32 | 2.42 | 1.95 | 20,882,448 | 24,476,803 | 23,032,795 |
| Delaware | 2.85 | 2.87 | 2.10 | 39,980 | 57,188 | 48,838 |
| Maryland | 2.85 | 2.83 | 2.15 | 89,633 | 142,717 | 139,804 |
| Soybeans | | | | | | |
| U.S. | 5.53 | 7.34 | 5.10 | 15,252,691 | 18,013,753 | 16,098,170 |
| Delaware | 5.70 | 7.65 | 5.25 | 26,363 | 49,021 | 45,864 |
| Maryland | 5.70 | 7.65 | 5.30 | 61,617 | 121,712 | 112,811 |
| Wheat | | | | | | |
| U.S. | 3.56 | 3.40 | 3.38 | 5,637,416 | 7,929,039 | 7,191,798 |
| Delaware | 3.15 | 3.10 | 3.05 | 11,687 | 5,974 | 8,314 |
| Maryland | 3.15 | 3.15 | 3.05 | 35,343 | 16,900 | 26,093 |
| Barley | | | | | | |
| U.S. | 2.72 | 2.83 | 2.50 | 605,635 | 755,140 | 694,038 |
| Delaware | 1.35 | 1.60 | 1.90 | 2,577 | 1,982 | 3,952 |
| Maryland | 1.40 | 1.80 | 1.90 | 4,477 | 3,694 | 5,409 |
| <i>Dollars per Ton</i> | | | | | | |
| Alfalfa Hay | | | | | | |
| U.S. | 100.00 | 90.80 | 97.50 | 7,137,469 | 6,724,537 | 6,977,603 |
| Delaware | 162.00 | 162.00 | 125.00 | 3,078 | 2,268 | 2,875 |
| Maryland | 162.00 | 128.00 | 125.00 | 28,188 | 19,072 | 16,500 |
| Other Hay | | | | | | |
| U.S. | 73.80 | 70.90 | 70.00 | 5,200,541 | 5,282,246 | 5,219,751 |
| Delaware | 153.00 | 153.00 | 135.00 | 3,213 | 3,672 | 2,430 |
| Maryland | 153.00 | 144.00 | 135.00 | 53,856 | 56,160 | 59,130 |

U. S. AGRICULTURAL PRICES

Mid-Month February 2005, Entire Month January 2005

| Commodity | Unit | United States Prices ^{1/} | | | Parity |
|-------------------|------|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------|
| | | February 2004 | January 2005 | February 2005 | |
| ---- Dollars ---- | | | | | |
| Wheat, Winter | BU | 3.67 | 3.27 | 3.24 | 9.91 |
| Corn | BU | 2.61 | 2.12 | 2.02 | 6.64 |
| Barley | BU | 2.73 | 2.42 | 2.48 | 6.73 |
| Soybeans | BU | 8.28 | 5.57 | 5.39 | 16.10 |
| All Hay, Baled | TON | 81.20 | 84.20 | 84.70 | --- |
| Apples, Fresh | LB | 0.300 | 0.216 | 0.208 | 0.522 |
| All Beef Cattle | CWT | 78.50 | 89.40 | 89.60 | 172.00 |
| Calves | CWT | 111.00 | 125.00 | 128.00 | 234.00 |
| Hogs | CWT | 42.60 | 53.20 | 50.40 | 107.00 |
| Broilers | LB | 0.470 | 0.430 | 0.430 | --- |
| Turkeys | LB | 0.350 | 0.393 | 0.380 | 1.01 |
| Eggs, Market | DOZ | 0.745 | 0.373 | 0.358 | 1.68 |

1/ Agricultural Prices are published at the end of each month throughout the year for the United States and selected states. Maryland is not in the monthly prices program; however, price information is available for Maryland commodities at the end of each production year. Throughout the year on Friday, the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service in cooperation with the University of Maryland and Maryland Department of Agriculture publishes the Maryland Grain and Livestock report. This reports contains market analysis of local price tends by University economists and current commodity price quotes from local and regional markets throughout Maryland and can be viewed at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/md/rlsetoc.htm#Grain>.

April Release Highlights

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